material witness in a prosecution pending in a court of record in the District of Columbia, or in a grand jury investigation which has commenced or is about to commence, a judge of such court may issue a certificate under seal of the court stating these facts and specifying the number of days the witness will be required. Said certificate may include a recommendation that the witness be taken into immediate custody and delivered to an officer of the United States or the District of Columbia to assure his attendance in the District of Columbia. This certificate shall be presented to a judge of a court of record in the county in which the witness is found.

Payment.

(b) If the witness is summoned to attend and testify in the District of Columbia he shall be tendered the sum of 10 cents a mile for each mile by the ordinary traveled route to and from the court where the prosecution is pending or where the grand jury investigation has commenced or is about to commence, and $5 for each day that he is required to travel and attend as a witness. A witness who has appeared in accordance with the provisions of the summons shall not be required to remain within the District of Columbia a longer period of time than the period mentioned in the certificate, unless otherwise ordered by the court. If such witness, after coming into the District of Columbia, fails without good cause to attend and testify as directed in the summons, he may be punished in the manner provided for the punishment of any other witness who disobeys a summons issued from the court in the District of Columbia where the prosecution has been instituted or the grand jury investigation has commenced or is about to commence.

Failure to attend, etc.

Exemption from arrest.

SEC. 5. (a) If a person comes into the District of Columbia in obedience to a summons directing him to attend and testify in the District of Columbia he shall not while in the District of Columbia pursuant to such summons be subject to arrest or the service of process, civil or criminal, in connection with matters which arose before his entrance into the District of Columbia under the summons.

(b) If a person passes through the District of Columbia while going to another State in obedience to a summons to attend and testify in that State or while returning therefrom, he shall not while so passing through the District of Columbia be subject to arrest or the service of process, civil or criminal, in connection with matters which arose before his entrance into the District of Columbia under the summons.

Separability.

SEC. 6. If any provision of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, such invalidity shall not apply to other provisions of this Act.

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AN ACT

To extend the time during which the Secretary of the Interior may enter into amendatory repayment contracts under the Federal reclamation laws, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior by sections 3, 4, and 7 of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 (53 Stat. 1187, 1188) and by section 3 of the Act of April 24, 1945 (59 Stat. 75, 76), is hereby extended through December 31, 1954.

43 USC 485b and note, 485c, 485f.

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